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KENNETH ASKINS JOINS WESTFIELD BANK AS MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICER

Westfield, MA— James C. Hagan, President and CEO of Westfield Bank, is pleased to announce that Kenneth Askins has been appointed to Mortgage Loan Officer. He is responsible for Granby, Bloomfield, West Hartford and the surrounding communities, and will be based out of the Bank's 12 East Granby Road location in Granby, CT. Askins will develop and maintain business relationships with prospective home buyers, realtors, builders, and colleagues.

Askins has 23 years of experience in the mortgage industry, working as a Mortgage Loan Officer at local competitive banks prior to joining Westfield Bank. He has been recognized as a top performer multiple times throughout his career. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his dog, Kono, and playing golf.

Askins resides in Feeding Hills, MA.

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About Westfield Bank

Westfield Bank, headquartered in Westfield, Massachusetts, is a federally chartered savings bank organized in 1853 and is the largest publicly traded bank headquartered in Western Massachusetts. The Bank is a full-service community-oriented financial institution offering a complete range of commercial and retail products and services. Currently, the Bank has twenty-five branch offices, fifty-four ATMs, and an additional thirty-three seasonal ATMs and serves Hampden and Hampshire counties in Western Massachusetts and Hartford and Tolland counties in Northern Connecticut. The Bank's middle market and commercial real estate lending team is based in Springfield, Massachusetts, and has a general regulatory limit on loans to one borrower of \$40.7 million. As of March 31, 2024, the Bank employed 334 full and part-time employees, had \$2.6 billion in total assets, \$2.0 billion in its loan portfolio, and \$2.1 billion in total deposits. The Bank is regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. As a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Bank's deposits are insured up to the maximum FDIC insurance coverage limits. To learn more, visit the bank's website at www.westfieldbank.com

PHOTO: A headshot of Kenneth Askins is attached